

The Perfins of Turkey—some additional information

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Collecting perfins used in Turkey is not simple, but it has a long tradition in the Czech Republic. Vojtech Maxa initiated this tradition by publishing several articles on Turkish perfins. Recently I obtained the Asia Section of the *World Perfins Catalog*. After comparing it with my collection and with some other information I have access to, I can add some comments to the information on Turkish perfins listed in the catalogue.

Perfins B.C.I - A4 and new A4.5.

There are two similar but really different perfins represented by pattern A4. This information is briefly mentioned in the catalogue in the note #2. As you can see from the pictures on the left the difference is visible at first sight.

That is why I recommend the addition of new pattern A4.5, at bottom left. The pattern A4 I have on the Turkish stamps issued 1923/25 and 1926. The pattern A4.5 I have on the Turkish stamps issued in 1926 and 1930.

Perfin C.N.O. - A15. The user of this perfins is Credit National Ottoman, Constantinople. I have a cover confirming this identification.

Perfin EOB - A16. This pattern is also known on the stamps of Austrian Levant used in Constantinople and Smyrna.

Perfin F.C. - A17. This pattern is also known on the stamps of



the Austrian Levant.

Perfin G.C. - A19. The correct user of this pattern is G. Capayannides of Trébizonde. The confirming cover is shown at bottom right.

Perfins WBV - A32 and new A32.5. Perfin A32 is one of the relatively common perfins on Austrian Levant stamps. All my copies with legible postmarks are from Constantinople. Apart from that I found one copy of a slightly different pattern with a cancellation from Smyrna and it is

on the stamp issued for Austrian postal services on Crete.

My copy is on the 10-centimes issue of 1908. It is known that these stamps were not used only on Crete, but also at the other Austrian Levant offices.

The difference in the patterns A32 and in the new proposed A32.5 (bottom left) is especially visible in the letter B. My estimate is that in Smyrna there was a different machine with this perfin and the pattern may also exist on standard Austrian Levant stamps. Could anybody confirm this?

I should also note that I have one copy of A33 on the Austrian stamp for Crete (10-centimes, issued in 1908), and it also has a cancellation from Smyrna.

If you can add to this information, let the *Bulletin* editor know. You may also contact Munzberger by e-mail at munzberger@kobp.cz

